

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S11075–S11187*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1602–1610. **Pages S11130–31**

**Bankruptcy Reform—Cloture Vote:** By 53 yeas to 45 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 280), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on S. 625, to amend title 11, United States Code. **Page S11096**

**Nomination—Cloture Vote:** By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 281), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the nomination of Brian Theodore Stewart, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah. **Pages S11096–98**

**Nomination—Motion to Proceed:** By 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 282), Senate rejected the motion to proceed to the nomination of Marsha L. Berzon, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Page S11099**

**Nomination—Motion to Proceed:** By 45 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 283), Senate rejected the motion to proceed to the nomination of Richard A. Paez, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Pages S11100–02**

**National Defense Authorization—Conference Report:** Senate began consideration of the conference report on S. 1059, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces. **Pages S11103–25**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report on Wednesday, September 22, 1999, with a vote on adoption to occur thereon at 9:45 a.m.

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**VA–HUD Appropriations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for

the consideration of the proposed VA–HUD Appropriations bill on Wednesday, September 22, 1999.

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**Removal of Injunction of Secrecy:** The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaties:

Tax Convention with Italy (Treaty Doc. No. 106–11);

Tax Convention with Denmark (Treaty Doc. No. 106–12);

Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Germany (Treaty Doc. No. 106–13).

The treaties were transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and were ordered to be printed. **Pages S11186–87**

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

A message from the President of the United States transmitting, a report entitled “Continuation of Emergency with Respect to UNITA”; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–58). **Pages S11127–28**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S11171–76**

**Text of H.R. 2084, as Previously Passed:** **Pages S11176–86**

**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—283) **Pages S11096–97, S11099–S11100**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2:15 p.m., and adjourned at 9:02 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 22, 1999. (For Senate’s program, see

the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11187.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### U.S. TERRORISM POLICY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary concluded hearings on United States policy on terrorism in light of the FALN members clemency, after receiving testimony from Neil J. Gallagher, Assistant Director for National Security, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Patrick Fitzgerald, Chief of the Organized Crime and Terrorism Unit, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, both of the Department of Justice.

### HYBRID PENSIONS PLANS

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee held hearings to examine the growth of hybrid pension plans and their advantages and disadvantages over traditional defined benefit pension plans, receiving testimony from Senator Leahy; Representatives Hinchey and Sanders; J. Mark Iwry, Benefits Tax Counsel, and Stuart L. Brown, Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service, both of the Department of the Treasury; Bill Syverson, Colchester, Vermont, and J. Thomas Bouchard, Armonk, New York, both of the IBM Corporation; Janet Krueger, Rochester, Minnesota, on behalf of the IBM Employee Benefits Action Coalition; Robert G. Chambers, Montgomery, McCracken, Walker and Rhoads, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the Association of Private Pension and Welfare Plans; Ron Gebhardtshauer, American Academy of Actuaries, Karen W. Ferguson, Pension Rights Center, Morton Bahr, Communications Workers of America, Lawrence Z. Lorber, Sonnenschein, Nath and Rosenthal,

all of Washington, D.C.; and John F. Woyke, Towers Perrin, Valhalla, New York.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

### SCHOOL SYSTEMS Y2K READINESS

*Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem:* Committee concluded hearings to explore Y2K readiness among public school systems, colleges and universities, and the college financial aid system, after receiving testimony from Marshall S. Smith, Acting Deputy Secretary of Education; Richard R. Boyd, and Terryl J. Hedrich, both of the Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles, California; Richard D. Koeller, Chicago Public Schools, Chicago, Illinois; K. David Weidner, American Association of School Administrators, Arlington, Virginia; George Chin, City University of New York, New York, on behalf of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators; Paul Kobulnicky, University of Connecticut, Storrs; and William E. Lewis, Arizona State University, Phoenix.

### COUNTER-INSURGENCY VS. COUNTER-NARCOTICS

*United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control:* Committee concluded hearings on counter-insurgency vs. counter-narcotics issues in regards to Colombia and U.S. efforts to stop drug production and transiting, after receiving testimony from Rand Beers, Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; Brian E. Sheridan, Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, and Gen. Charles E. Wilhelm, USMC, Commander in Chief, United States Southern Command, both of the Department of Defense; and Bernard Aronson, ACON Investments, former Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, and Michael Shifter, Inter-American Dialogue, both of Washington, D.C.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 25 public bills, H.R. 2883–2907; 1 private bill, H.R. 2908; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 297, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 295, providing for consideration of H.R. 1875, to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow the application of the principles of Federal diversity jurisdiction to interstate class actions; and

H. Res. 296, providing for consideration of H.R. 1487, to provide for public participation in the declaration of national monuments under the Act popularly known as the Antiquities Act of 1906 (H. Rept. 106–327).

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Petri to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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